

## FIGHT TO THE LAST

## BRAZILIAN INSURGENTS ARE NOW IN VERY HOT QUARTERS.

President Peixoto Refuses to Listen to Terms and Da Gama is Forced to Fight—The Heretofore Bloodless Rebellion Turns Into Real Warfare and Cannon Balls Take the Place of Harmless Threats—The Particulars.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The dispatches received last night seemed to warrant the assumption that a peaceful solution had been reached, but these hopes were extinguished when later in the afternoon U. S. Minister Thompson was heard from as follows:

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 13. Secretary of State, Washington: The local forces commenced firing at noon today. Their firing was not returned by the insurgents. The government forces have been refused by the government, who opened fire upon him from the city batteries this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The city is nearly abandoned and deserted.

[Signed] THOMPSON. The receipt of this dispatch gave rise to much uneasiness to the department officials, which was immediately communicated to the president, to whom it was communicated. In spite of its best efforts to be exactly fair and neutral, yet the content in Brazil, occurring over the interests of the United States and the sympathy of the United States has been a valuable and considerable aid to the Brazilian government ever since 1892 when the first symptoms of trouble were manifested in the southern provinces, but if Peixoto is determined to maintain his present unrelenting and vindictive attitude for such, it is freely denoted by naval and diplomatic officers here that measure of support is certain to be withdrawn from him.

Benham's Statement. WASHINGTON, March 13.—The crisis has been reached at Rio de Janeiro, and the two cablegrams that were received from Washington today mark the beginning of the saddest and bloodiest chapter of the long and stubbornly contested insurrection in Brazil. First news came from Admiral Benham in a cable addressed to Secretary Herbert, and read as follows:

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 13, 1893. Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Notice has been given by this government that the bombardment of the insurgent ships and forts from the city will commence at noon, March 13. The insurgent admiral, as reported, has taken refuge on the Portuguese man-of-war. On inquiry I find he is not on board yet.

[Signed] The news conveyed by Admiral Benham was contained in the last sentence of his dispatch, relating to Admiral da Gama. All of the preceding dispatches, the cables as well as the press cables had stated that the rebel admiral was on board the Portuguese man-of-war, but the insurgent admiral was on board the little steam launch, passed between the forts without being fired upon. The admiral, as reported, has taken refuge on the Portuguese man-of-war. On inquiry I find he is not on board yet.

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